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TAGS: PGOV, PEPR, CY, CU, US, UR
SUBJECT: SOVIET AND CUBAN PROPAGANDA ATTACKS ON U.S. POLICIES

1. SUMMARY: SOVIET AND CUBAN EMBASSIES HERE HAVE CIRCULATED,
APPARENTLY TO ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND NEWSPAPERS IN NICOSIA,
MIMEOGRAPHED PAPERS ATTACKING U.S. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS
IT BE INSTRUCTED TO PROTEST THESE ACTIONS TO GOC. END SUMMARY.

2. CUBAN PAPER ETTACKS U.S. FOR ABETTING, THROUGH
VOA BROADCASTS, ZAIRE PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S EFFORTS TO
BLAME CUBA FOR KANTANGESE INCURSIONS IN SHABA PROVINCE.
TWO-PAGE PAPER GOES ON TO ACCUSE U.S. ADMINISTRATION
OF FABRICATING LIES THAT CUBAN PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED
IN SHABA EVENTS, CHARGES NATO WITH ATTEMPTING TO
JUSTIFY INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, AND CALLS MOBUTU THE
"WHORE OF NATO IN AFRICA" WHO IS THE "PRODUCE (SOC) OF
A MARRIAGE WITH THE TRUCULENT CIA."

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3. SOVIET PAPER (12 SINGLE-SPACED PAGES) IS
CAREFULLY WORDED ACCUSATION THAT U.S. IS DELIBERATELY
WRECKING SPIRIT OF DETENTE, WHIPPING UP ARMS
RACE, INTERFERING IN INTERNAL SOVIET AFFAIRS,
COOPERATING WITH CHINESE IN "ANTI-SOVIETISM",
AND INTERVENING IN AFRICA. IN LATTER CONNECTION,
PAPER ACCUSES U.S. OF FABRICATING STORIES OF SOVIET-

CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ATTACKS ON SHABA. PAPER MENTIONS
NCS CHAIRMAN ZBIGNIEW BREZEZINSKI AS ONE
MEMBER OF U.S. ADMINISTRATION WHO IS SEEKING TO
CREATE A THEORETICAL BASE FOR WASHINGTON'S NEW
POLICY, EXAGGERATING ELEMENTS OF RIVALRY AND BELITTling
IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION IN USSR-US RELATIONS.
PAPER ENDS BY REAFFIRMING SOVIET DEDICATION TO
DETENTE, ARMS REDUCTION, AND GOOD RELATIONS WITH
U.S., IF THE U.S. WANTS THIS.

4. SCURRIous TONE OF CUBAN PAPER IS ESPECIALLY
OFFENSIVE, BUT EMBASSY BELIEVES SOVIET PAPER ALSO
GOES BEYOND BOUNDS OF DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE
(THIRD COUNTRY RULE). WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT
WE BE INSTRUCTED TO RAISE MATTER WITH GOC FOREIGN
MINISTRY TO PROTEST PROPAGANDA ATTACKS BY CUBAN AND
SOVIET EMBASSIES AGAINST COUNTRY WHICH MAINTAINS
FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH CYPRUS.

5. COPIES OF CUBAN AND SOVIET PAPERS BEING
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